



Chairman Glenn “GT” Thompson
Conservation, Research, and Biotechnology Subcommittee
“A Review of Title VII: University Perspectives on Research and Extension Programs”
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Remarks as prepared for delivery:

“Good morning and thank you to Chairman Baird and Ranking Member Spanberger for convening this hearing.

“Since the 1940s, American farmers, ranchers, and foresters have increased agriculture outputs nearly threefold with little to no change in inputs.

“This is an impressive statistic which would not be possible without Federal and State investments in the cutting-edge research conducted at our land-grant and non-land-grant colleges of agriculture.

“These advancements further the fact that American agriculture is steeped in science, technology, and innovation.

“Today’s hearing is an opportunity to review programs authorized in the Research Title of the Farm Bill to ensure our universities are equipped to solve the challenges facing agriculture now, and well into the future.

“I am proud to represent State College—home of Pennsylvania’s only land-grant university. I had the recent opportunity to spend some time with faculty and staff from Penn State on this and many other issues, and I am continuously impressed with the work they are doing.

“Today’s panel represents all types of land-grants, non-land-grant colleges of agriculture, and Hispanic-serving agricultural colleges and universities. I appreciate the witnesses joining us here today and look forward to hearing about the great work they are doing.

“With that, I yield back.”